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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 16, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Comments** about amendments to the Drawings are on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper and includes both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.